



5<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Dear Parent(s)/Guardians

**UPPER FOUR WORKSHOP WITH 'SPLENDID PRODUCTIONS' AT COLLEGE OF FURTHER EDUCATION (MEETING AT THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE) ON 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019.**

The Department would like to take those Upper Four students who will be taking GCSE Drama next year to a Devising workshop, led by Kerry Frampton, artistic director of Splendid Productions.

Splendid Productions has visited the island many times and we often take our GCSE students to see their performances at the Performing Arts Centre when they visit in October. They specialize in very physical theatre and bold characterisation and it would be of great benefit to the students to work with them to aid with their devising work.

As part of their GCSE, all students will be assessed on a devised piece of theatre in Upper Five, which, with the written components which go alongside it, is worth 40% of the final grade, so it is a great opportunity to work with a UK company to start getting techniques and ideas of how to approach the work as early as possible.

The workshop runs from 0900 until 1200 and I would kindly ask parents to drop their daughters off at the Performing Arts Centre that morning, rather than going to College first. The group must register at 0845 but I will be there from 0830. I will be accompanying the girls to the workshop with one other member of staff and we will take all students back to school on foot at 1200. Weather can be changeable we advise that your daughter bring a waterproof coat for the walk back to school.

In order for the students to make the most of the workshop, they should come dressed in comfortable clothes and shoes in which they can move (much as they would for their Drama lessons at school). However, all students must bring their uniforms with them to change into for afternoon school and lessons as usual.

On this occasion, there is no charge for the workshop – the costs for your daughter attending have been met by the Drama Department. I hope that this will be a great learning opportunity for your daughter – and I am sure it will also be very enjoyable. I very much look forward to embarking on the GCSE with your daughter next academic year.

Yours sincerely,

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